Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STRASB 00018 021544Z

41
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NEA-10 IO-11 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 ACDA-10 SAJ-01 OMB-01 SAM-01 SAB-01 /104 W
---------- 010725
R 021400Z FEB 76
FM AMCONSUL STRASBOURG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0854
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ANKARA
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
RUFHAUXAMEMBASSY VIENNA 0028
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

UNCLAS STRASBOURG 18

E.O.11652: N/A
TAGS: COE, PFOR, GR, CY, LE.
SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE ASSEMBLY SESSION ENDS WITH DEBATE
ON CYPRUS AND MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS.

1. WINDING UP ITS WEEK LONG MEETING THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE S PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY DEBATED THE PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST ON JANUARY 30. BECAUSE MUCH OF THE ASSEMBLY S MEMBERSHIP HAD ALREADY DEPARTED, AND BECAUSE THE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNIZES THE ASSEMBLY S INABILITY TO DO MORE THAN TO URGE AND ADVISE THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES, THE DEBATES WERE SOMEWHAT DESULTORY IN CHARACTER. STILL, THE EXCELLENT REPORT AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PREPARED BY THE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND HARD WORKING AUSTRIAN DEPUTY KARASEK HAD THE NET EFFECT OF CALLING THE COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY OF THE CYPRUS AND MIDDLE EAST SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, AND OF PERMITTING A COURTEOUS BUT UNPRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS, ON THESE MATTERS. THE RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS - WHICH CONTAINED NOTHING NEW - CALLS FOR DIRECT
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STRASB 00018 021544Z

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AND GREEK CYPRIOT

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

COMMUNITIES IN A DEMILITARIZED CYPRUS , URGES TURKEY AND GREECE TO SUPPORT SUCH EFFORTS, AND CALLS COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO GIVE AID TO THE CYPRUS POPULATION AND TO MAKE USE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT. THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AMOUNTED TO AN UNCHANGING REITERATION OF BOTH SIDES POSITIONS ON THE QUESTION.

2. THE DISCUSSION ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE WAS MORE INTERESTING, SHOWING EVOLUTION ON THE PART OF THE ASSEMBLY TOWARD A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PALESTINIANS. ONE WRITTEN DECLARATION SIGNED BY 13 MEMBERS, NOTING THE LINKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (ISRAEL HAS OFFICIAL STATUS AT THE COUNCIL), CALLED ON THE COUNCIL TO INITIATE CONTACTS WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD AND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINIANS PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR TO SECURE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. (COMMENT: AS NOTED IN STRASBOURG 12, EARLIER IN THE SESSION A MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF DELEGATES CALLED FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND ISRAEL.)

SOME SPEAKERS DEPLORED THE LACK OF OTHER MIDDLE-EAST OBSERVERS AT THE COUNCIL, AND MANY WARNED THAT UNTIL THE PALESTINIAN EXISTENCE IS RECOGNIZED AND GUARANTEED THERE CAN BE NO PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SUCH STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE, BUT THEY WERE MORE FREQUENTLY AND FORCEFULLY STATED AT THIS MEETING, THEREBY SHOWING THE GROWTH OF PRO-PALESTINIAN SENTIMENT WITHIN CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH CALLED FOR RECONCILIATION IN LEBANON, DEPLORED THE UN RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM, AND CALLED FOR CONTINUING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH A SETTLEMENT IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. THE OPPONENTS TO THIS SEEMINGLY INNOCUOUS RESOLUTION APPEARED TO OPPOSE IT NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE AGAINST ITS PROVISIONS, BUT BECAUSE IT DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, EVEN THOUGH THE RESOLUTION STATES THAT THEY MUST HAVE REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATION IN ANY SETTLEMENT VALID FOR THE ENTIRE REGION.ROMINE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETINGS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STRASB00018
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760039-0191
From: STRASBOURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760290/aaaadblp.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 NOV 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 MAY 2004 by BrownAM>; RELEASED <16 NOV 2004 by blochd0>; APPROVED <17 NOV 2004 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COUNCIL OF EUROPE ASSEMBLY SESSION ENDS WITH DEBATE ON CYPRUS AND MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS.
TAGS: PFOR, GR, CY, LE, XF, COE
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006